The Indian delegations for international confernece are constituted, keeping in mind the negotiating experienc and expertise of the subject matter at hand, public eminence of the number of the delegation concerned, and functional requirements. The composition of the indian delegation for the World Summit for Social Development followed this well estabished practice.

Disturbances in Baharin

3598. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any-report from our Embassy in Baharin about the recent disturbances in the country;

(b) whether Indians were affected during these disturbances and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the precautionary measures taken by our Embassy to safeguard the interests of our citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have a few cases of threats received by the Indian expatriate community including warning from unidentifide sources to leave the country. However, such cases involving other expatriate communities resident in Bahraiin were also reported.

(e) Our Mission is in close contact with the authorities who have assured full protection and the Indian communit is being kept advised of the steps to taken to ensure their safety.

Applications pending in Passport Offices

3599. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Passport applications pending in various Passport Offices as on date, passport office-wise;

(b) the numbei of passport applications pending in various passport offices, after completion of police verifications;

(c) the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware of huge crowds in the Regional Passport Office in Delhi and thriving of several touts there; and

(e) if so, the stups taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The number of passport applications pending as on March 30, 1995, passport office-wise is given as Statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The figures of pendency folloiwng receipt of Police Verification is not collected since the endeavour is to issue passports after one month even in cases where Police verification report is not received. 17 out of 23 Passport Offices are issuing passports within two months of receipt of application.

(d) and (e) In 1994 (January—December), the total number of applications received by Regional Passport Office, Delhi was 165317. In addition to applicants, there are large number of visitors who visit Passport Office in Delhi daily. As far as touts are concerned, every effort is made to prevent them form operating from the premises of Regional Passport Office Delhi. Efforts are also made to ensure that public does not suffer any undue inconvenience.

Statement

Pendency in Passport Offices as on 31-3-95

S. No.	Office	Total Pendency	Pending over a month
1	Ahmedabad	17879	6279
2	Bangalore	20406	12880
3	Bareilly	3948	1035
4	Bhopal	3484	1967
5	Bhubaneshwar	1967	915
6	Bombay	2353	4732
7	Calcutta	13693	8472
8	Chandigarh	19671	12290
9	Cochin	7823	1744
10	Delhi	17801	10012
11	Goa	1881	370
12	Guwahati	2267	1700
13	Hyderabad	16590	8125
14	Jaipur	7855	3112
15	Jalandhar	36038	24653
16	Kozhikode	20924	10440
17	Lucknow	8122	2774
18	Madras*	11733	3652
19	Nagpur	1108	252
20	Patna	4180	1236
21	Trichy	25645	10695
22	Trivandrum	9646	1440
23	Jammu	9923	8905
		286115	137680

*As on 24-3-1995